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## **Windham Historic District / Heritage Committee Meeting Thursday, June 4, 2020 Zoom Conference, 7:00PM**

Present: Frank Farmer (Regular), Peter Griffin (Regular), Skot Pare (Alternate), Heath Partington (Selectmen Liaison), Carol Pynn (Regular), Derek Saffie (Regular), Wendy Williams (Regular)

Absent (Excused): Dr. Michael Speidel (Alternate)

Meeting opened at 7:00PM.

The Committee has an alternate position open for a three year term.

Wendy Williams gave an overview of the signs currently posted, as well as a proposed sign, mounted to the historic Searles Wall. A sign variance had been filed for 21 Searles Road, which would include a new sign mounted onto the stone wall. Wendy Williams read a statement as follows:

*Searles Wall is a historic asset in the town of Windham and is on our town's Historical Cultural Resource List. Nothing should be erected on the wall. Signs currently erected on the walls should be removed and the holes repaired by a skilled stone mason to prevent any further damage.*

*The same applies to the mirrors, unless they were required by the Police and/or Fire Department to address safety concerns.*

After some discussion, the Committee was in favor of the above statement, which Wendy will deliver to the Zoning Board at their June 9th meeting. Wendy informed the Committee that McAuley Commons has a sign posted near the wall, but not on the wall, that may be used as an example of how to properly place a sign near Searles Wall. Furthermore, any signs already on the wall should be removed and the holes repaired by a skilled stonemason.

Peter Griffin will follow-up with Dennis Senibaldi regarding cleanup of Governor Dinsmore Plaque area.

The Committee will need to find another electrician to complete the electrification at the Depot.

Peter Griffin made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2020 meeting; seconded by Carol Pynn and passed 5 - 0.

Motion by Carol Pynn to "roll out" the Historical/Cultural Resource List; seconded by Derek Saffie and passed 5 - 0.

Wendy Williams has been in contact with the New Hampshire DOT, the Preservation Alliance, and other historic preservation groups regarding the Armstrong home at 88 Range Road. A site walk is desired with all historic groups involved as well as Alex Ray.

There are two historic markers, one for Indian Rock and one for London Bridge, in the 2020 budget. With the cancellation of the 2020 Strawberry Festival, enough funds for a third sign will likely become available. The third marker would be placed at the Meserve property.

Carol Pynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44PM; seconded by Skot Pare and passed 5 - 0.

Minutes by Derek Saffie – Secretary